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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kojima et al.



Serial No.: 10/773,573 Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: February 9, 2004 Examiner: Joshua T. Kennedy

For: SECURING CLIP

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	21	20	= 1	x \$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Indep. Claims	4	4	= 0	x \$ 200.00	\$ -

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT****\$ 50.00**

A check in the amount of \$50.00 is attached to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-5, 8-9, 14-19, and 21-28 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 23 is amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 24-28 are newly added. Claims 1, 14, and 23-24 are independent.

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